

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 13, 15, and 16, as indicated below. The following is a complete listing of claims and replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for facilitating the allocation of a ~~technology resource~~ billing incurred by ~~at least one of a user and a group within~~ an entity from a technology resource provider, said method comprising:

associating unique identifiers with technology resources of the provider, said unique identifiers being associated by the entity;

providing said unique identifiers to the provider;

receiving a business model file corresponding to an internal structure ~~defining at least one of said user and said group of the entity~~, the business model file including~~[[:]]~~ at least one application profile ~~identifying a technology resource associated with at least one of said user and said group, and an allocation definition associated with the technology resource for allocating a usage of the technology resource to at least one of said user and said group,~~
associating at least one of said unique identifiers with at least one user within the entity;

~~associating a unique identifier with the technology resource and at least one of said user and said group;~~

~~apportioning at least one of a usage of the technology resource and a technology resource billing to at least one of said user and said group according to the allocation definition;~~

receiving said billing, which includes data corresponding to ~~[[a]]~~ usage of ~~[[the]]~~ at least one of said technology resource resources by ~~at least one of said user and said group~~ the entity and data corresponding to said unique identifiers; and

allocating respective portions of ~~[[a]]~~ said technology resource billing based on said business model file, said portions corresponding to usage of said ~~[[the]]~~ technology resource ~~to resources by the~~ at least one of said user and said group, based on the allocation definition and the associating.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said technology ~~resource further includes~~ resources include at least one of computer usage wherein said computer usage includes computing time obtained from an outsourced provider, telephony resource usage, manufacturing cycles and production runs.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving said business model file further includes receiving said business model file at a controller.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further including automatically recognizing the ~~at least one of said user and said group~~.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said allocating further includes allocating loyalty points to the ~~at least one of said user and said group~~.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said allocating further includes reducing said ~~technology resource billings~~ billing by a monetary value of loyalty points.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said allocating further includes at least one of transferring, pooling and gifting loyalty points.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further including providing a descriptive billing statement including at least a portion of said business model file.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, further including providing a descriptive billing statement including at least one of:

at least a portion of said business model file,

a total of computer usage time,

said computer usage time associated with at least one of: ~~[[the]]~~ said unique ~~identifier~~ identifiers, an account, a project, a process and a division,

a time period of said computer usage,

the at least one of said user and said group associated with said computer usage occurring during said time period,

an authorization received,

a rule engine guideline used during said computer usage,

a notification sent by a controller,

an account billed for said computer usage,

a processing power associated with said computer usage,
a provider providing said computer usage time,
said computer usage and said ~~technology resource billings~~ billing associated with
at least one of [[the]] said business model file, an application profile, and a value driver,
an analysis of at least one of said computer usage and said ~~technology resource~~
~~billings~~ billing,
statistics of at least one of said computer usage and said ~~technology resource~~
~~billings~~ billing,
graphical display of at least one of said computer usage and said ~~technology~~
~~resource billings~~ billing.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further including adjusting said ~~technology resource billings~~ billing based upon at least one of a CPU-second used, a total CPU-seconds expected to be used, a volume discount, a stepped-type of pricing, a peak/off-peak usage, a geographic location, a service provided, a performance expectation, a location, a service level scoring, a CPU cycle, a local power consumption cost, a physical site security, an increased site security, an additional operational procedure needed to support increased sensitive data, a level of fail over needed, a service level agreement, and an account data privacy requirement.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
determining said internal structure including various groups and sub-groups
within said entity;
determining a billing detail of said group within said entity;

determining a value driver of said entity; and
determining an application profile of said entity.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, further including:
monitoring said computer usage; and,
notifying the at least one ~~of said user and said group~~ of said computer usage.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein said monitoring said computer usage further includes monitoring in at least one of substantially real-time, a pre-established time period and a random time period.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein said notifying the at least one ~~of said user and said group~~ further includes notifying the at least one ~~of said user and said group~~ via at least one of phone, email, pager, cell phone, personal digital assistant, and fax.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein said notifying the at least one ~~of said user and said group~~ further includes providing at least one of a signal, a usage clock, and a monetary usage value to the at least one ~~of said user and said group~~.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, further including performing data analysis of said computer usage using the at least one application performance driver.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, further including suggesting a cost efficient usage practice.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, further including requesting a bid based upon said monitoring step.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said business model file further includes at least one of an application profile, a value driver, a user level, a geographic area, a project, a zone, a third party provider, loyalty information and a rule.